arrival as they happen to come late. My request is that the old system may be revived cancelling the existing system.

Mr. Lingegowda.—The existing arrangement is causing considerable embarrassment to the poor raiyats. People will have to come from distant villages to Taluk Treasuries and many of them will have to remain for a few days in hotels. Some have even lost the whole amount as they happen to go to the treasury a little too late. The old system should therefore be revived.

Mr. C. Channakesavaiya.—I oppose the proposal. If District Treasuries are asked to work till, say, 6 P.M. in the last days of the month, the inconvenience complained of will be avoided.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer.—The scheme was introduced as an experimental measure for two years. Now four years have elapsed. This subject was brought up for discussion at this Assembly about two years' ago and nothing definite was settled. By reviving the old system, the Government will not be put to any extra cost, but on the other hand people would be greatly benefited. I therefore request that the old system may be revived.

Dewan.—The matter will be considered. Suitable action will be taken in consultation with the Revenue Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 5.

Issue of Supply Bills in District and Taluk Treasuries.

Mr. P. Subbaraya Setty, Arkalgud Municipality.

Mr. P. Subbaraya Setty.—The practice of the issue of Supply Bills in District and Taluk Treasuries, which has been stopped may be revived.

Dewan.—The practice of issuing Supply Bills has not been stopped.

Financial Secretary.—Government have not issued any order to this effect. The reasons for refusing issue of Supply Bills will be considered by the Comptroller who can be written to in the matter. As the issue of Supply Bills is convenient to the people and beneficial to the Government, cancelling the issue of these Bills has not been contemplated.

SUBJECT No. 6.

Lapse of unspent budget grants for roads.

Captain Herbert Browne, North Mysore European Planters' Association.

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar.—Generally in June, the District and Taluk Boards' Budget is sent to Government for approval. It would sometimes take three months for the approved budget to be returned to the respective Taluk and District Boards, *i. e.*, the approved budgets are returned from Government some time about the end of September. By this time, the rainy season would have expired and repairs to roads are generally not taken up in summer. This means the grant allotted for repairs to roads would lapse to Government. If a certain amount has

been allotted for repairs to roads in the budget and if the whole amount is not spent, my request is that the money should not lapse to Government, but should be set apart for next year's work. I am sure this will not embarrass the Government.

Dewan.—This is not possible as there would be financial difficulties. Under the budget arrangements, provision for incomplete works will be made before allotting funds for new works.

SUBJECT No. 7.

Attestation of thumb impression in case of transfer of State Loan Bonds.

Messrs. T. G. Nagappa, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk and Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—The order that illiterate holders of the State Loan Bonds should have their thumb impressions to the endorsement transferring the bonds attested by a Magistrate is a hardship to many raiyats. I think these illiterate people might have their thumb impressions attested by a Sheristadar in their own taluk. The order may therefore be modified.

Financial Secretary.—Orders have been issued in this connection and have been published in the *Mysore Gazette*. All these circumstances have been taken into consideration before the issue of orders.

Note.—A copy of the new order was given to the mover who was asked to read it and then say what he had to bring to the notice of Government.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Those who are not able to go to the treasury for attestation may be permitted to do so in the presence of a Sheikdar. If it is required to attest before a Sub-Registrar, a witness is also required.

Financial Secretary.—If these people are asked to have their thumb impressions attested before a responsible Government Officer, they cannot be easily deceived to part with their holdings for less than their market value. Those who are unable to go to the treasury or appear before the Magistrate, such as, women, sick and old or are not accustomed to appear in public, may have the thumb impressions attested before the Sub-Registrar. As he would know most of the people in the taluk, he may not require a witness to identify the party.

Mr. T. G. Nagappa.—The present arrangement is a great hardship to poor raiyats, as they will have to come from long distances to attest before a Magistrate. Women and sick persons are not able to walk long distances. All the State Loan Bonds are printed in English and most of the raiyats do not understand this language. When a transaction is made, this should be done before a witness. I would therefore request that this arrangement may be cancelled and the rule modified. Patels and Shanbhogs, or Sheikdars may be authorised to attest the thumb impressions.